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SUBJECT: WELFARE-WHEREABOUTS: CHRIST-THE-ONLY-WAY-MOVEMENT
EVANGELICAL ACTIVITIES IN SOUTHERN PHILS

1. 32 AMERICANS ARRIVED IN PHILIPPINES AUG 4 TO PARTICIPATE IN 10-MONTH EVANGELICAL EFFORT IN MINDANAO AND WOUTHERN PHILS. AMERICANS AND OTHER FOREIGNERS (NEW ZEALANDERS AND CANADIANS) WILL ENGAGE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RELIGIOUS WORK IN PRIMARILY MUSLIM COMMUNITIES UNDER GUIDANCE PHIL PROTESTANT PASTORS. PROJECT SPONSORED BY LOCAL BRANCH OF CHRIST-THE-ONLY-WAY-MOVEMENT, WHICH HEADQUARTERED IN MODESTO, CALIF. AND IS ATTACHED TO WORLD VISION, INC.

2. EMBASSY EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SAFETY THESE YOUNG PEOPLE TO PROJECT LEADER AND MADE OFFER TO SEND CONSULAR OFFICER TO SPEAK ON SITUATION IN SOUTH IN COURSE GROUP'S BRIEFING IN ZAMBOANGA. OFFER WAS ACCEPTED AND CONSULAR OFFICER O'NEILL FROM CEBU MET WITH AMERICANS ON AUG 17 AND ADVISED THEM THAT MANY AREAS OF MINDANAO AND BASILAN WERE NOW UNSAFE AND THAT SITUATION EXTREMELY FLUID. GROUP APPRECIATIVE OF BRIEFING, BUT, NEVERTHELESS, EVIDENCED STRONG INTENTION TO PURSUE THEIR RELIGIOUS WORK.

NAMES, BIRTHDATES AND NEXT-OF-KIN OBTAINED; EMBASSY
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TO BE PROVIDED NEXT WEEK WITH PLACES WHERE INDIVIDUALS

WILL BE ASSIGNED. INFO WILL BE POUCHED.

4. DEFENSE SECRETARY ENRILE AND MALACANANG HAVE GIVEN PERMISSION FOR GROUP TO WORK IN SOUTH. LOCAL MILITARY OFFICIALS IN MINDANAO EXPRESSED DUBIOUSNESS TO O'NEILL OVER PROJECT, HOWEVER. MEMCON POUCHED.

5. COMMENT: OTHER MISSIONARIES WITH LONG EXPERIENCE IN PHILS HAVE INFORMED EMBASSY THAT LOCAL LEADERSHIP OF CHRIST-THE-ONLY-WAY-MOVEMENT EXTREMELY IDEALISTIC. EMBASSY WILL DO ITS BEST TO KEEP BENEVOLENT EYE ON THESE YOUNG AMERICANS AND WILL URGE AFP TO DO THE SAME.
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